

H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 967, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 966.

**Pages H11563–67, H11574–75**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act:* H. Res. 725, to recognize the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act; **Pages H11603–07**

*Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month:* H. Res. 716, to express the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and to support the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month; **Pages H11609–12**

*Honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities:* H. Con. Res. 225, to honor the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities; and

**Pages H11612–14**

*Honoring the 60th anniversary of the aeronautics research accomplishments embodied in “the breaking of the sound barrier”:* H. Res. 736, to honor the 60th anniversary of the aeronautics research accomplishments embodied in “the breaking of the sound barrier.” **Pages H11614–16**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, October 17th:

*Recognizing the importance of America’s Waterway Watch program:* H. Res. 549, to recognize the importance of America’s Waterway Watch program and

**Pages H11607–09**

*Commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007:* H. Con. Res. 222, to commend NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007. **Pages H11616–19**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11552.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 36 was held at the desk. **Page H11552**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Nine ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11573, H11574, H11574–75, H11575, H11575–76, H11585–86, H11586, H11587, H11601–02, and H11602–03. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE COMBAT ZONE BENEFITS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on incentives, benefits, and medical care for federal civilian employees deployed to combat zone. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Harry Thomas, Director General; and Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia and Near East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; Kirk Miller, Associate Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA; Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and Larry McDonald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Technical Assistance, Department of the Treasury.

### BREAST CANCER STAMP/PAUL WELLSTONE HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1236, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; and H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.

### REAUTHORIZATION OF MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings on reauthorization of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Testimony was heard from Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Needs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Zev Yaroslavsky, member, Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County; Mercedes Marquez, General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department, City of Los Angeles; and public witnesses.

### AVIATION SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security, and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Aviation Security: Are

We Truly Protected?” Testimony was heard from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and Franklin Hatfield, Director, System Operations Security Office, FAA, Department of Transportation.

#### VOTING BY MAIL OR ABSENTEE— EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on House Administration:* Held a hearing on Expanding and Improving Opportunities to Vote by Mail or Absentee. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis of California; Ruth Goldway, Commissioner, Postal Regulatory Commission; Deborah L. Markowitz, Secretary of State, Vermont; and public witnesses.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL HATE CRIMES/RACE VIOLENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on Jena 6 and the Role of Federal Intervention in Hate Crimes and Race-Related Violence in Public Schools. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Donald Washington, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Louisiana; and Lisa Krigsten, Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; and public witnesses.

#### LEGAL TIMBER PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Natural Resources;* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1497, Legal Timber Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; Eileen Sobek, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 123, To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; H.R. 236, amended, North Bay Water Reuse Program Act of 2007; H.R. 2085, McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act; and H.R. 2498, amended, To provide for a study regarding development of a comprehensive integrated regional water management plan that would address four general areas of regional water planning in both the San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region and the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, inclusive of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, California, and to provide that such plan be the guide by which those counties use as a mechanism to address and

solve long-term water needs in a sustainable and equitable manner.

#### DC PRISONER RE-ENTRY

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, Census and District of Columbia held a hearing on Doing Time: Are DC Prisoners Being Adequately Prepared for Re-Entry? Testimony was heard from Harley G. Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Charles Jones, Director, Employment Services, Department of Employment Services, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

#### CENSUS 2010 BUDGET ISSUES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives held a hearing on Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census. Testimony was heard from Jim Nussle, Director, OMB; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Otto J. Wolfe, Chief Financial Officer and ASA; Charles Louis Kincannon, Director; and Preston Jay Waite, Deputy Director, both with the Bureau of the Census.

#### RESTORE ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a closed rule providing for 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 3773, RESTORE Act of 2007, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. In lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the rule considers as adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report, and considers the bill, as amended, as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative Scott of Virginia, Chairman Reyes, Representatives Issa, Lungren, Forbes, Gohmert and Hoekstra.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3776, Energy

Storage Technology Advancement Act of 2007; and H.R. 3775, Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007.

#### **RAILROAD-OWNED SOLID WASTE FACILITIES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Railroad-Owned Solid Waste Transload Facilities. Testimony was heard from Senator Lautenberg; Representatives Pallone, Patrick J. Murphy of Pennsylvania; and Murphy of Connecticut; the following officials of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation: Charles D. Nottingham, Chairman; W. Douglas Buttrey, Vice Chairman; and Francis P. Mulvey, Commissioner; Gregory Schmidt, Mayor, Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor, Township of Bensalem, Pennsylvania; Kathy Chasey, Mayor, Mullica Township, New Jersey; Brian X. Foley, Town Supervisor, Brookhaven, New York; Wolfgang Skacel, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

#### **RAW SEWAGE OVERFLOW AWARENESS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on The Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Robert Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Environment, Maryland; and public witnesses.

#### **DISABILITY CLAIMS RATINGS AND BENEFITS WITHIN VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing on Disability Claims Ratings and Benefits Disparities within the Veterans' Benefits Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Jon A. Wooditch, Deputy Inspector General; and Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN BIDS AUDITS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing on Medicare Advantage: Required Audits of Limited Value. Testimony was heard from Jeffery Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assistance, GAO; Timothy B. Hill, Chief Financial Officer, Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **BRIEFING—AMERITHAX**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Amerithax. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### **CIA ACTIVITY**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Activity. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1354)

S. 474, to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D. Signed on October 16, 2007. (Public Law 110–95)

S. 1612, to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. Signed on October 16, 2007. (Public Law 110–96)

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007”, an original bill entitled “Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007”, and an original bill entitled “Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007”, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine consumer wireless issues, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the digital television transition, focusing on government and industry perspectives, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health, to hold oversight hearings to examine the federal Superfund Program's activities to protect public health, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, and Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on contractors and the work of the government, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.